

## TEXAS PREMIER PRODUCING STATE

Value of Crops Easily Places It in Leading Position.

Washington, March 16.—Illinois again has yielded to Texas the honor of being the premier crop-producing State of the Union; Iowa holds her position as third, while Ohio has lost to Missouri the honor of fourth place, the Department of Agriculture announced today. During 1912 Texas produced \$407,160,000 in the twelve crops reported quantitatively by the government—corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, potatoes, hay, tobacco and lint cotton. The enormous cotton crop easily gave Texas a big lead over the second largest crop-producing State, Illinois, whose aggregate production was valued at \$289,225,000. Iowa's crop value aggregated \$284,325,000; Missouri's, \$236,968,000, and Ohio's \$190,718,000.

In the second five States ranked: Kansas, \$182,362,000; Pennsylvania, \$176,250,000; Minnesota, \$166,615,000; Georgia, \$159,762,000; North Dakota, \$155,116,000. The total value of these crops produced during 1912 throughout the country was \$4,656,161,000, compared with \$4,592,158,000 in 1911, and \$4,456,647,000 in 1910.

In addition to the ten leading States, the following produced more than \$100,000,000 in the principal crops:

Indiana, New York, Nebraska, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Michigan, Kentucky, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and California. South Dakota produced \$23,698,000.

## HARDWARE MEN MEET THIS WEEK

National Association of Dealers Will Be Entertained in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 16.—The National Hardware Dealers' Association will meet here in convention Wednesday and remain in session until the end of the week. Already some of the delegates have arrived, and a large number is expected Monday and Tuesday in special trains from Chicago, Boston, New York and New Orleans. Advice received by local committees indicate that the national convention will be one of the largest and most notable trade gatherings of the year, one of the most interesting features of which will be a large exhibition by manufacturers of tools and hardware. A wide range of subjects relating to the trade will be discussed, among which will be the addresses on tariff revision and the effect of the parcel post on the hardware business.

Local commercial bodies have prepared an elaborate program for entertainment of the visitors.

**Valuable Jewelry Stolen.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, March 16.—Burns detectives, in cooperation with Chief of Police Sylvester, of Washington, are trying to recover in this city \$3,500 worth of jewelry, which was stolen from a woman during the inauguration. The property is owned by a woman whose initials are "F. M. K." Among the stolen articles was a diamond princess ring valued at \$600 and a five-diamond ring, said to be worth \$375. Several of the pieces bear the owner's initials, one of these being an A. T. N. E. badge, a Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity pin and an Ely School pin.

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## MEMBERS OF FAMILY HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Home of J. W. Powell Totally Destroyed by Fire—Boys Sentenced for Stealing Chickens.

Culpeper, Va., March 16.—The home of J. W. Powell was totally destroyed last Thursday night, and all of Mr. Powell's personal effects were lost. The members of the family barely escaping with their lives. The household goods were partially covered with insurance. J. W. Wallace, of Washington, was the owner of the building.

Mrs. J. N. Badger narrowly escaped being burned seriously when, in lighting a lamp at her home Monday, a piece of the match flew off and caught fire to the sidecombs in her hair. The burning combs singed her hair, and pieces of them fell to the bureau, igniting the celluloid hair brushes and other articles on the table. Mrs. Badger's husband, who has been ill and confined to his bed for several weeks, attempted to get out of bed and go to his wife's assistance, and has been much worse ever since.

Two colored boys about fifteen and sixteen years old, who gave the names, respectively, of W. E. Jackson and George Smith, were tried before Magistrate Hill Wednesday, and given six months' road sentence for chicken stealing. The youths were caught in the act by George Brown, a farmer living about five miles from Culpeper, as they were raiding his henhouse Monday night. They are now in the Culpeper jail.

At the March term of Circuit Court in Madison last week Judge George S. Shackleford, presiding, the case of the Commonwealth vs. Rivercombe & Graves, for violating the revenue laws, was tried by a jury and the defendants fined \$50. The court granted fourteen distillers licenses.

Professor Edward S. Washington, colored, the principal of the Madison Industrial school for Colored Youths, located near Madison Mills, has recently returned from Washington, D. C., where a symphony concert troupe, composed of a number of his pupils, has been giving concerts to raise money in the interest of the school plant. The school is primarily an industrial school, where the pupils are being taught sewing, cooking and housekeeping for the girls, and carpentry, masonry and shoemaking for the boys. Agriculture has necessarily been on a very limited scale on account of the lack of land. There are about seventy pupils in the school and three teachers.

At one time last week four Culpeper people were in the hospital in Charlottesville, where they were all operated upon for appendicitis on Tuesday. The first case of measles in Culpeper for several years developed last week, the patient being a High School boy. Other children from the household were stopped from attending school, and so far there are no new cases.

**HORSESHOE NAIL IN THROAT.** Boy, Swallowing Cake, Has a Most Unusual Peril.

South Bethlehem, Pa., March 16.—With a horseshoe nail sticking in his throat, Frank Roebuck, a lad, is waiting around town, with no apparent ill-effects. He was eating a piece of cake when he suddenly had a sharp sensation, the nail having been in the food. He was taken to a hospital, where he had given through an x-ray examination. Young Roebuck will probably have it removed within a few days.

**HUSBAND STINGY, SHE SAYS.** Wife Asserts He Gave Her Only 25 Cents in Four Weeks.

New York, March 16.—Asserting that he had given her only 25 cents in four weeks, Mrs. Mary Hicks, of Caronia, L. I., caused the arrest of her husband, William, on a charge of abandonment.

My husband is employed by the city and can well afford to support me, Mrs. Hicks said. "He is a Civil War veteran, and receives a pension of \$12.50 every three months." The Hickses have been married forty-five years.

## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, (Telephone 1845), Petersburg, Va., March 16.

There is a sharp freshet in the river, but as yet no damage has resulted, and unless the water rises several feet higher none is anticipated. There may be some increase in the flood volume, where the dams come down, but it will have to be a very decided increase to cause any serious overflow. However, the business people along the wharf, where there are a Pike Streets, whose places are subject to overflow on occasions of serious freshets, have taken the precaution to protect their property against damage as far as possible.

**TO RAISE BRIGHT TOBACCO.**

Growners in Vicinity of Petersburg Plan for Next Year.

A good deal of bright tobacco is raised in Dinwiddie and adjacent counties, but because Petersburg has been regarded as purely a dark tobacco market, very little of it has been brought here. It is sold in the North Carolina markets. With the understanding, however, that buyers of bright tobacco will attend this market next season, and that as good prices will be paid here as elsewhere, it is said that many of the planters in this section will go more largely into the raising of the bright grades. But Petersburg will continue on the market from dark tobacco the qualities of which are grown in the Southside.

**WORK OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.**

Many Needy Families Relieved and Sick Attended To.

At the meeting of the Petersburg Circle of King's Daughters the past week the report of the work of Miss Sainsbury, of the past month was received. She reported twenty-five cases on her list, and that 141 visits had been made during the month. A large amount of charity was dispensed, and many needy families were relieved and many sick were ministered to. The circle is doing a notable work in the community.

**NEW UNIFORMS OF TEAM.**

Will Be Dark Gray in Color, With Narrow Stripes.

Contract for the new uniforms for the Petersburg baseball team has been awarded to D. W. Branch, who

will soon have them ready. They will be of a dark gray in color, with a small maroon stripe, and will be attractive in appearance. Meanwhile, Manager Busch is carefully arranging for his team, releasing and engaging players as the case may be. They will all report for training by March 22.

**CUT THE WRONG MAN.**

Negro Who Swears Out Warrant for Another Is Arrested Himself.

Last night James Thomas, a negro, went to the station house and swore out a warrant for a colored man named Green, charging him with assaulting him with a brick. Subsequently, in an old street barroom, Thomas saw and attacked Austin Scott, colored, charging that he was the man who had thrown the brick. Thomas drew his knife in attacking Scott, and the latter, in defending himself, received an ugly cut on his left arm. Thomas was arrested on his way to jail broke and escaped from the officer. In his flight he fell and cut his hands. At a late hour of the night Thomas was found and arrested at his home.

**Personal and Otherwise.**

Dr. W. L. DeVaney, of Dendron, who was recently injured by being thrown from his buggy, which rolled to his home from the hospital in Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knight left today for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will live in future. They will be near the parents of the latter, who moved there last year.

A called meeting of the newly organized Petersburg Amateur Baseball Association, of which William M. Kenney is the president, will be held on Wednesday for consideration of business connected with the association. The outlook is bright for the organization of several clubs.

The winter is over without any ice harvest in the Southside counties. The weather was not cold enough at any time to produce ice thick enough to cut for storage.

As a result of the recent general rains the city's storage reservoir is now well filled with water—the first time since a year ago. But the city will go ahead in its negotiations with the Virginia Railway and Power Company for its permanent supply from the river.

Design Hempel, of the Salvation Army, will make many of the poor children of the city glad on Easter by providing them with new shoes and other necessary articles.

## MORSE RETURNS IN GOOD HEALTH

Former Ice King Is Preparing to Resume Business in New York.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, March 16.—Charles W. Morse, the financier who was given less than six months to live by physicians a year ago, arrived today on board the steamship Kaiser Auguste Victoria, looking in better health than when he left here. He has reported that his physicians in Europe had told him that he will live for many years more. Morse, who was formerly connected with the ice and steamship interests, announced that he would resume business, but declined to say what line he would take up. Mrs. Morse accompanied her husband, and is overjoyed at the encouraging promises made by the physician.

"My physicians tell me," said Morse, "that I can live a good many years if I am careful. I must watch myself constantly and closely. They say at Baden, where he was for the treatment, that it is known as 'kill or cure' place."

"It is a drastic treatment, being hot salt water internally and externally. After I had taken a course of treatments and had thought myself benefited, we went to London, but the change was not good, and I had to return to Baden. Baden for more treatment. When I had completed this, we went to the Italian Riviera, about fifty miles east of Genoa."

"Asked if he would go into business again, Morse thought for a moment, and then said:

"Yes, I will go into business again, as there is now no necessity of staying out of it. What I will do I have not determined, as I have been too busy getting well."

Morse was asked if he would resume control of the coastwise steamship companies, of which he was formerly the head, but he did not care to discuss that in view of the case against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, now in the Federal courts in regard to its steamship lines.

When informed that the ice crop from the Hudson was a failure this year, Morse said:

"It will not be long before New York City will be using entirely manufactured ice. When this comes the price will be always the same, as there will always be sufficient supply. The South-to-day does not depend upon Maine for its ice as it did formerly, as manufactured ice has taken its place."

**FIRST SERVICES HELD**

Actual Transfer of Cleveland Cottage Will Take Place Tuesday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, March 16.—The first ceremonies in honor of the transfer of the old manse, the birthplace of former President Grover Cleveland, from the Caldwell Presbyterian Church to the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association were held here yesterday. The actual transfer of the property will not take place until Tuesday, which will be the seventy-sixth anniversary of the one-time President's birth.

Members of President Cleveland's Cabinet, several of the present Cabinet officers, Governors from many States and scores of men prominent in national and State politics attended the services. Memorial services will be held here on Tuesday, in which Judge Alton B. Parker, Commodore E. B. Bondell, Dr. St. Clair McKelway, Jacob M. Dickinson, Judge W. A. Day, and others who have been active in securing the old manse will participate.

A poem will be read by Miss Fanny Crosby, now over eighty years old, and a close friend of President Cleveland.

**ON WAY TO ARLINGTON.**

French Officers to Engage in Tests With American Officers.

New York, March 16.—Four French army and navy officers arrived here yesterday bound for Arlington, Va., to co-operate with officers of the American Navy to determine the precise difference in longitude between Washington and Paris. The preliminary tests will be made at the government wireless station.

The Frenchmen are Major Gustavo A. Ferrie, of the engineering corps, who has charge of the Eiffel Tower wireless station; Captain Leveque, of the artillery; Chief Engineer Joseph F. L. Driencourt, of the hydrographic office, and Lieutenant Gignou, of the navy.

## ROMANCE STARTED MANY YEARS AGO

Man Who Served in Pennsylvania Regiment Weds Winchester Woman.

Winchester, Va., March 16.—A Civil War romance, which had its inception here, and which was broken off in course of time, was renewed recently, and culminated a few days ago in the marriage of Miss Anna Elizabeth Copenhaver, member of an old and substantial family of Winchester, to George Ritchie, of Cumberland, Md. Mr. Ritchie, who was born in Philadelphia seventy-four years ago, served in a Pennsylvania regiment during the war, after which he obtained employment on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He gets two pensions, one from the government and another from the railroad company. His first wife died some years ago. His bride is just sixty-three years of age. They will live here.

A large number of patrons of the Virginia horse show circuit living in this section of the State have indicated their intention of exhibiting the best horses of their stables at the National Capital Horse Show, which will be held in Washington on May 3-7. The Washington society is now a member of the Virginia Horse and Colt Show Association.

**Sealing Fleet Destroyed.**

Halifax, N. S., March 16.—Half of the sealing fleet of eight vessels, which left here recently, was wrecked, according to advices received here.

The steamer Lloydson struck a sunken rock while breaking through the ice and was so seriously damaged that the voyage had to be abandoned. The sprung a leak, while in heavy ice, and had to be beached in St. Mary's Bay. The boat and the crew were rescued, and the vessel is being repaired at St. John's.

**HE ACCEPTS INVITATION**

Bryan Will Be Guest of Honor at Pan-American Banquet.

Washington, March 16.—Secretary Bryan has accepted an invitation to be the chief guest of honor at the annual banquet in New York next month of the Pan-American Society of the United States, of which George W. Felt, president of this country, is France's ambassador. All the Latin-American diplomatic corps will be invited as special guests.

**Train Falls Through Trestle.**

Warm Springs, Ga., March 16.—Engineer B. H. Smith and Jules Jenkins, a negro fireman, were killed here yesterday when the engine of passenger train No. 23 of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad fell through a trestle. The trestle had been weakened by recent floods. None of the passengers on the train was injured.

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## Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

**FUNDS STILL LACKING.**

Names of All Soldiers in County May Be Put on Monument.

Luray, Va., March 16.—At a meeting of the Rouser-Gibbons Camp last Saturday, after a full discussion of the matter in hand, a resolution was passed to the effect that if sufficient funds were raised to put the names of all the soldiers of Page County on the proposed Confederate monument, and were found practicable to do so in other respects, the names should be engraved on the shaft, as has been proposed; but if funds were not sufficient, or if the proposition appeared impracticable, then tablets of the different companies, with their name, letter and regiment, should appear on the monument, and in case of soldiers belonging to other companies than those organized in or going from Page County, a general tablet should be adopted.

The camp has found out that it would cost about \$800 to place the names of all the soldiers of the county on the monument, a very considerable financial proposition, should funds not be abundant.

If the names of all soldiers were put on the monument, there would be 800 very large space, necessitating bronze tablets. There are other practical difficulties in the way of preserving the names of the entire soldiery of the county that loom very large.

**MYSTERY STILL NOT SOLVED.**

No Arrests Made in Connection With Dynamiting Jones Home.

Lynchburg, Va., March 16.—Although the detective department of the Lynchburg police force worked hard on the case, little light has been thrown up to this time on the dynamiting of the home of Mrs. George M. Jones, which occurred a month ago, and it begins to appear now as though the department will be unable to solve the mystery surrounding the case. There is little doubt that the house was dynamited with a view to murdering Mrs. Jones, who was sleeping within a few feet from where the explosive was placed on a veranda just outside of her bedroom. As far as can be ascertained, the police do not know where the explosive came from. While they have had several clues to work upon, they have been unable to gather evidence sufficient to warrant an arrest. The city has offered a reward of \$500 for the solution of the crime, but this does not seem to have been an incentive to private detectives to take the case for investigation.

**DISEASE AMONG CATTLE.**

Several Farmers in Greene County Suffer Heavy Losses.

Standardsville, Va., March 16.—The cattle disease which has been prevalent in Greene County for the past six months is spreading rapidly. Treasurer W. B. Cole has a calf now in the hospital, and a cow which has been in the hospital for several days. The disease is spreading rapidly, and is causing heavy losses to the farmers. The disease is spreading rapidly, and is causing heavy losses to the farmers.

**SEASON STARTS WELL.**

Mabane, N. C., March 16.—The baseball season has been favorable for Bingham, since two victories have been won out of three games played. The first game resulted in a victory for Bingham by a score of 12 to 6, and the second was a victory for Bingham by a score of 11 to 10.

Sunday night Captain Hugh R. Clink scales addressed the Young Men's Christian Association. Captain Clink scales has been at Bingham for several years. He is a graduate of Clemson College. His talk, which was on the subject of "Ideals," was very helpful.

The subject for debate in the Kallisthemic-Polemic Literary Society Saturday night was "The Honor System." Cadets Phillips, Graves and Scorbore championed the affirmative, and Cadets Hayes, Huntman and Summerfelt the negative.

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